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¶1. (SBU) On April 30, EconOff presented demarche points in reftel to Joao Storti and Renato Pinheiro of the Ministry of External Relations' Intellectual Property Rights Division and to Andre Barcellos, Executive Secretary of the National Council Against Piracy (CNCP).

¶2. (SBU) The GOB officials expressed appreciation for USG recognition of the progress made by the GOB in its fight against IPR piracy, with Barcellos noting that this was another indication of the maturation of U.S. - Brazilian relations. He added that the GOB places a high priority on fighting piracy because it realizes that it is in Brazil's best interests to do so.

¶3. (SBU) Pinheiro said the new designation was welcome news and reflected a constructive level of bi-lateral cooperation. In reference to the threatened compulsory licensing issue with Merck, he said the GOB has not made a final decision and he felt both sides could still reach a negotiated solution. He noted that the issue for the GOB was the financial ability to sustain its ongoing HIV program.

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